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FOR SIMONS FROM SCHMIDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. GERMAN MINORITY. WE NOTE FROM THE DAILY REPORT FROM BELGRADE OF NOVEMBER 11 (BELGRADE 7925) THAT THE FRG REP ACCUSED ROMANIA OF TREATING THE GERMAN NATIONAL MINORITY IN ROMANIA UNFAIRLY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A NUMBER OF CLAIMS, GENERALLY THROUGH THE CONGRESS, OF DISCRIMINATION IN ROMANIA AGAINST THE DANUBE SWABIANS, SAXONS, ETC. WE HAVE VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE REPLIES TO THESE ALLEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY FOCUS ON ONE OF THE SUBGROUPS. THE LETTERS THEMSELVES SELDOM CONTAIN SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, FOR THE MOST PART CONCENTRATING ON DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED IN ATTEMPTS TO EMIGRATE TO GERMANY OR THE US. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR FINDING AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THIS QUESTION INFORMALLY WITH YOUR FRG COLLEAGUES IN BUCHAREST AND FOR-
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WARDING TO US ANY MATERIAL THEY MAY BE WILLING TO PASS ON THAT SHEDS LIGHT ON THE SITUATION OF THE GERMAN MINORITY IN ROMANIA AND THE FRG POSITION ON IT.

2. CRITERIA FOR CSCE DIVIDED FAMILY REPORTS AND REP LIST.
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT REPLY TO STATE 273507. AS A FOLLOW-UP, PLEASE ASK LOU MANGIAFICO TO SEND US THE

CRITERIA USED BY THE EMBASSY TO PREPARE (A)THE MONTHLY DIVIDED FAMILY REPORTS, AND (B) THE REPRESENTATION LIST. WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT WE CAN EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT THESE STATISTICS REPRESENT.

3. STEVE HAAS. YOU MAY BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT STEVE HAAS, WHO USED TO WORK IN THE ECONOMIC SECTION, PLANS TO BE IN BUCHAREST ABOUT NOVEMBER 24-27 TO VISIT HIS ROMANIAN WIFE'S PARENTS AND RELATIVES. HE WILL BE TRAVELING ON A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND MAKING HIS BUCHAREST STOP AFTER A WORKING TRIP TO GENEVA.

4. DR. SZAZ. YOU MAY HAVE MET IN WASHINGTON DR. Z. MICHAEL SZAZ, WHO USED TO BE THE CHIEF AUTHORITY FOR THE AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN FEDERATION ON THE STATUS OF THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN ROMANIA. HE TOLD INTS THAT HE PLANS TO BE IN BUCHAREST NEXT TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE AMBASSADOR AGGREY. HIS TRAVEL IS FOR BUSINESS, INVOLVING A PENDING DEAL IN WHICH SIDNEY S. BARON INC. OF NEW YORK IS ARRANGING TO SELL ROMANIAN CEMENT TO KUWAIT. SZAZ HAS IN FACT LEFT THE AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN FEDERATION (UNDER, WE UNDERSTAND, SOMETHING OF A FINANCIAL CLOUD)BUT CONTINUES TO HAVE AN ACTIVE INTEREST, AS WELL AS INFLUENCE, IN HUNGARIAN ISSUES. INTS EXPLAINED THAT AMBASSADOR AGGREY WILL HAVE JUST ARRIVED, SO THE QUESTION OF WHO SEES HIM IS CONFIDENTIAL

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